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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7141**

**BILL NUMBER: HB 1882**

**DATE PREPARED:** Jan 17, 2001

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Actions for Recovery of Delinquent Utility Bills.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
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                              **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill provides that an action by a public utility or a municipally owned utility to recover payment of a delinquent utility bill must be commenced within four years after the latest date of utility service covered by the bill. The bill prohibits a public utility or a municipally owned utility from denying or disconnecting a customer's utility service on the ground that the customer has an outstanding or delinquent bill for utility service provided more than four years earlier.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2001.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:** *Municipally Owned Utilities:* This bill could have a minor impact on the revenues of municipally owned utilities in so far as they would not be able to recover utility bills which have been past due for over four years.

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** Municipally Owned Utilities; Courts.

**Information Sources:**